

# St Margaret of Antioch, Leigh

*Serving West Leigh Since 1919*

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## Trinity 14

(22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

**This Church is open before Masses on Sundays and other days before advertised services and Thursdays 14:00-16:00 (in term time).**

***Whilst pandemic restrictions have long ended, we still suggest you take sensible precautions and common sense.***

1. **Facemasks** – These are discretionary.
2. **Sanitisation** – please make use of the stations at the entrance and exit to the church
3. **Communion** – during live streaming, for safeguarding and privacy, this is received in the usual place but out of camera sight. Please read the notice on availability of the chalice and proceed down the central aisle and return to your seat via the appropriate side aisle.

### ***Protocols for use of Church:***

1. **Numbers.** Whilst not limited please use the space the church provides and respect others space. The furniture will not be rearranged for the time being.
2. **Key holders** to the church or hall are asked to let Fr. David of intention to use our buildings outside published and regular event times for awareness, courtesy and ensure deconfliction of use except of course where urgent.
3. The Sunday 10:00 Mass and key Feasts are broadcast.

### **Pastoral Notes for general parish life**

Mutual support according to need and out of ability marked the early church and underpins our pastoral, practical and financial support. Biblical stewardship of time talents and money is not just for self-accounting before God but for sake of the whole Church. Bless you as you continue to show your love of God and Neighbour as self. *Fr. David.*

1. Especially during bad weather or personal challenges please don't be too proud to ask for help we will do our best to respond. If unwell, please don't come to church but do let us know.
2. The church's daily cycle of prayer and worship is advertised.

## **Mission and Ministry to the wider Parish**

3. Home communion, home visits and Residential homes are undertaken compliant with protocols and best practice, please keep in touch and offer your prayers and support.
4. **Hospital visits: The Southend Hospital Chaplaincy may be contacted directly on 0300 443 6379 or via switchboard 01702 435555 x 6453.**
5. **Pastoral care**. Continuing to care for each other by phone, email and appropriate visits and rebuilding our social life is a key task.  
**Stewardship of time and money**
6. Please use the stewardship booklet and help us address our financial needs so that our church and parish becomes more sustainable.

## **Time**

7. Please offer time **especially to point 6 above**. There are always opportunities to undertake self-help maintenance projects and also projects and work that can be done at home – please ask.

# **Money Urgent Notice**

***At our June PCC meeting a review of the management accounts for the first 5 months of this year revealed a 10% drop in church giving – please consider your regular giving urgently – less than half of members of the electoral roll are on a regular scheme – please read the booklet on stewardship.***

8. The church giving guideline is 5% of net income after essential housing and living but “No more than you can afford no less than you ought” is a good motto. ☺
9. **NEW Along with the “Sum-Up” card reader based at the south door we have a flash and go card reader at the west door, try it out.**
10. ***Key point.*** If you normally give cash and have a bank account, please set up a standing order or transfer by phone or internet.
11. **Church bank account:**  
Account name: **The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Margaret, Leigh on Sea**  
Bank: **NatWest Bank plc**  
Sort code: **52-10-30** Account number: **13657062**

**Please note: If you currently pay your stewardship to the church by standing order, we would encourage you to transfer your giving to pay via the Parish Giving Scheme referred to below.**

**Hall Bank Account – income relating to hall activities should be paid into our new hall account – Bank, account name and sort code are as above  
Account number: **13726056****

**Parish giving scheme** – is explained in the stewardship booklet. Money is collected on behalf of the parish and gift aid claimed where appropriate. The funds are forwarded direct to the church bank account. If you would like to know more, please speak to Peter Maddox. If you need a standing order form and/or wish to gift aid speak to Peter - stewardship@saintmargaretsleigh.org or 01702 478413.

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**The Angelus** (*Please stand if able*) (*May be said or sung before mass at 09:55.*)

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit**

Hail, Mary, full of grace The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

**Pray for us sinners, now,**

**And at the hour of our death. Amen**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

**Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary.....

**Holy Mary.....**

And the Word was made flesh.

**And dwelt among us**

Hail Mary.....

**Holy Mary.....**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; That as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymn**

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow:  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside:  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

## **Greeting and Entrance**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Call to Confession**

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us first call to mind our sin.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sin, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heav'nly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory.**

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

**Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.**

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

**For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.***

## Opening Prayer

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading (Please sit)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (4:1-2, 6-8)

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 14)

**R. Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent**

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts without justice

and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James (1:17-18, 21-22, 27)

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children

by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Alleluia** (Please stand if able)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia, alleluia**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** (Please sit)

**Creed** (Please stand if able)

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Intercessions** (Please sit or kneel)

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Lord hear us

**Lord graciously hear us**

As we pray for each other let us affirm our faith in the life to come and ask for the prayers of the saints in heaven and especially blessed Mary as we say.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Peace** (Please stand if able)

Christ is our peace, we are all one in Christ Jesus we belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the spirit of peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of that peace

## **The Offertory**

Bread and wine are immediately brought to the altar. A collection follows for those not in our regular scheme or who wish to top up their giving.

*(It costs over £2500/week to run our parish - please give as generously as you can but no more than you can afford. The Church of England has 5% of disposable income after tax housing and basic living as a weekly guideline. If you are a taxpayer and not a member of our envelope scheme, please consider using a yellow Gift Aid Envelope so that we can claim back the tax - £10 will be worth £12.50 to the church. An electronic payment machine is also available at the back of church. If you are not in our stewardship scheme and a regular attendee please consider joining. Please also read the notice on this subject carefully and prayerfully.) Thank you*

## **Offertory Hymn**

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgement given.**

**There's a welcome for the sinner  
And more graces for the good.  
There is mercy with the Saviour  
There is healing in his blood.  
There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed.  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.**

**For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
We would gladly trust God's Word,  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.**

**There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.  
If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.**



## Offertory Prayers

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, fruits of the earth and vine and work of human hands; they will become for us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Let us pray my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Church.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, may this holy offering bring us your blessing and accomplish within us its promise of salvation. **Amen**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you,

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

**we lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## Preface

Father, all powerful and ever living god, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By His birth we are reborn. In His suffering we are freed from sin. By His rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life. In His return to you in glory we enter into your heavenly kingdom

And so, we join the angels, and the saints, as they sing their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and God of might,**

**heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory your power and might**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he,**

**who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven.**

*We kneel or sit for the Eucharistic Prayer*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying. Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying. Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest heaven**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all, rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate the memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Holy Mary mother of God, St Margaret and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Communion**

### **Our Father**

*(may be sung on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at the 10:00)*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the bread**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one Body, because we all share in one Bread.**

## **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the World.

Blessed are those who are called to His supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you**

**but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

***Communion is now administered out of camera shot at live streamed masses.  
Organist and musicians receive first during the communion music.***

*All who are baptised and desirous to receive communion and/or receive communion in their own churches and traditions are very welcome at the altar – if you would prefer to receive a personal blessing please come forward and hold your service book to your chest.*

## **Communion Music followed by Hymn**

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.**

**Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leads me,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food from heaven feeds me.**

**Perverse and foolish I have strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with you, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spread a table in my sight,  
of grace beyond all knowing:  
and, oh, the wonder and delight  
from your pure chalice flowing!**

**And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness fails me never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house for ever!**

## **Prayer after Communion** (Please stand if able)

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Notices** (Please sit)

*Including thanksgiving and blessing for Pat and John Lamb's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

## **Blessing** (Please stand if able)

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

*Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.*

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing  
May your hearts be open to the word of the Lord.  
May your eyes follow the way of the Lord.  
May your feet walk confidently in the steps of the Lord.  
May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Final Hymn**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Great is thy faithfulness!***

***Morning by morning new mercies I see.***

***All I have needed thy hand hath provided.***

***Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

# Notices

## Worship and Prayer

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
	08:00 Said Mass
	10:00 Sung Mass *
	<i>(including blessing for John and Pat Lamb - Golden Wedding)</i>
	17:30 First Sunday Supper Mass (followed by pasta/pizza)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 Staff Mass – St. Michael's school chapel.
	19:00 <i>Licensing of The Revd Caroline Madanat St .Aidan's</i>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	09:30 Said Mass
	14:00 Open Church (new school term)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 Said Mass
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 Said Mass
	19:30 Southend Chamber Music Club concert in Church
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>
	08:00 Said Mass
	10:00 Sung Mass *
	<i>(With Baptism of Angus Willis)</i>

\* Live Streamed

### Those in particular need of our Prayers:

- Wed:** Rebecca, Marie, Jack Puttock, Paul, Gail, Naomi, Hannah, Esme Padgham  
Bob Padgham, Ken Baynes, Peter Nicholson, Marilyn Phillips.
- Thurs:** Gabrielle, Shirley Williams, Emily, Mario, Linda, Peter Colloff, Ron, Bosede,  
Paddy Hooper, Carole Sanders, Ian Sanders, Sheila, Dawn Bryan.
- Fri:** Sue, Jenny Sheldon, Irene, Pat, Debbie Jeffries, Margaret Purves,  
Cynthia Hall, Ian Bristow, Callum, Christina, Lily Thomas.
- Sat:** Josie, Lyn Davies, Pam Searle, Ken Davis, Leonie Brown, Sheila, Wendy Carr,  
Cathryn Corns, Jenny Pearson, Janet Gray.

For those who have died recently: Michael Grosvenor

### Anniversaries of Death this Coming Week:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Derek Philips
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> George Goodale
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Moriyike Adeboyega

### Please pray:

For those preparing for **Baptism** especially Angus Willis on 8<sup>th</sup> September and the recently baptised & confirmed. Also for the recently **married**, especially Tracey Searle and David Miller. Also for Noah Cockett preparing for **Ordination** to the Holy Priesthood at Michaelmas (28<sup>th</sup> September 10:00 at St. Botolph's, Colchester).

### Dates for your diary

**Harvest Festival – All Age Mass with Uniformed Group Parade**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 10:00

*(please invite your friends and family)*

## Children and Youth

**Children & Young People** – Children and young people are always welcome at services, social events or informally during Open Church. We have restarted our Sunday morning provision for children (see below) – if you are interested in helping and committing to this please speak to Anne Robinson. We continue to provide occasional events and special services such as Harvest and Mothering Sunday alongside our monthly service for families at **17:30 on the first Sunday** after which we share pizza and play games in the hall or outdoors when fine. **The next First Sunday Supper service will be TODAY.**

**St Margareteers** – **On the third Sunday of the month**, there will be a teaching session in the hall commencing at 10:00 for those aged 4-10 and some provision also for 11-16. with music, bible stories, craft and prayer. Meet in the foyer at the back of church. Following a blessing from the Priest we adjourn to Room 2 and return at the Offertory for the rest of the service. *ALL WELCOME....do come!!*

Children are welcome to bring their own quiet toys to play with. The lobby is helpful where there are games, books and toys and with the speakers you can still see and hear the services. If anyone would like to help with these offerings on a regular or occasional basis and find out more about groups linked to our church, please ask Anne Robinson, Lorrina Cockett and Michael Bridge or the welcomers at the door.

## Parish Pastoral and Social

**WhatsApp support groups** – We currently have a transport group and a nativity (young people's support group). We may develop these to other aspects of parish life and you can be invited to join those areas you are interested in. please speak to Fr. David or the wardens in the first instance. With the transport group if you are able to give a lift to somebody else occasionally or already do, please let Carol Dowsett or Fr. David know.

**Those in need of our prayers** – If you have asked for someone to be added to this list and who no longer need to be included, please let me know. Many thanks. Peter Maddox

## Mission

**Additional Curates Society** – Please take a box and help the formation and provision of priests, especially for poorer parishes trying to be faithful to the word and sacraments.

## Money urgent notice

***At our June PCC meeting a review of the management accounts for the first 5 months of this year revealed a 10% drop in church giving – please consider your regular giving urgently – less than half of members of the electoral roll are on a regular scheme – please read the booklet on stewardship.***

In helping us make our church and parish sustainable some key points may help:

1. **Planned giving** – We have 44 planned stewardship givers but 92 on our electoral roll. The diocesan *average* giving for stewardship scheme members is £19.50/week ours is £10.00 (less for those not in the stewardship scheme) Ours is considered one of the wealthiest parts of the diocese. Church guidance is 5% of disposable income after tax and housing costs. We all have different circumstances but “*no more than you can afford or less than you ought*” is key. Please consider this prayerfully.  
**If you are interested in joining our regular giving Stewardship Scheme, please take one of the leaflets and speak to Peter Maddox, either at Church or call 01702 478413. Alternatively email him at [stewardship@saintmargaretsleigh.org](mailto:stewardship@saintmargaretsleigh.org).**

2. **Electronic Giving** – Our card reader that enables donations from Debit and Credit Cards. If you wish to try, please approach Donald Fraser, Peter Maddox, or warden.
3. **Giving via the website** – We now have a donation facility set up on the church website, [www.saintmargaretsleigh.org](http://www.saintmargaretsleigh.org), to enable anyone to make a donation direct to the church bank account. This facility may be found on various pages on the site.

**HARP** – Please place items in the box at the back of church. There are lists on the side of the box outlining which items needed. Alternatively you can donate money via their website [www.harpsouthend.org.uk](http://www.harpsouthend.org.uk). Please don't leave opened and out of date items. Thank you for all the support you give.

**Southend Soroptomists** – for women and girls in need they supply toiletries to women's refuges in Southend and Basildon. They welcome donations from anyone. Please contact Jill Healey, Hadleigh Deanery member, email [jillhealey@gmail.com](mailto:jillhealey@gmail.com), or 07854 959389.

## **Parish and other general notices**

**Flowers – Gardeners of Leigh and the Parish** – Sally Hull has been coordinating and doing the flowers for a while now for which we are very grateful. Bought cut flowers are now quite expensive and you can help by bringing some flowers and or foliage that will last a week or so from your garden and placing in buckets at the back of Church either on a Thursday after Mass at 09:30, during Open Church 14:00-16:00 (during term time), or on a Saturday after Mass at 09:00. Thank you.

**Property** – If you wish to borrow church property (e.g. tables, chairs or crockery), please let the wardens know beforehand. If for personal use, a small donation would be welcome to help general replacements. This also helps prevent church property getting lost. Thank you.

**Deanery vacancy and appointments** – there are 16 churches and 9 positions for stipendiary clergy in the deanery at present. Currently 5 of these positions are occupied. In September. We welcome Fr. Myles Owen to St. Clement's (10<sup>th</sup> September) and The Revd Carolyn Madanat to St. Aidan's Leigh and also St. Lawrence Eastwood (4<sup>th</sup> September). Please pray for them and their parishes and also for The Revds Ruth Cartwright and Andy Hudson retiring shortly from St. Barnabus Leigh, St. James the Less Hadleigh and St. Peter's Thundersley and the 8 churches that will be in vacancy.

**Concert in Church** – **Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 19:30** Southend Chamber Music Club - all welcome.

**Savings ideas** – If you have any good savings and promotions do share them.

- Iceland has 10% off for over 60's on Tuesdays
- Free NHS home eye tests now available in Leigh 0800 9156243
- Batch cook and share: why not cook once or twice a week save money and time by buddying up and sharing meals?

**Notices for the Sunday Booklet** – Please send all notices to Peter Maddox by Wednesday lunchtime at the latest to [notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org](mailto:notices@saintmargaretsleigh.org). Thank you.

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**Church Hall hiring:**

Julia Fenton 07950 909244 (& website for information)

**Facebook:**

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**Enquiries for baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage and confession  
please contact the parish priest.**

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